

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Meng YANG et al.

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For: WHOLE-BODY OPTICAL IMAGING OF  
GENE EXPRESSION AND USES THEREOF

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 21, 2007, for which a response is due on April 21, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.